

October 29, 2018

Darrin Polhemus, P.E., Deputy Director
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Polhemus:

The Agency is now tracking performance under the new Strategic Performance Measure (SPM) for the national drinking water program. The SPM specifically seeks a 25% reduction in the number of Community Water Systems (CWSs) with health-based violations by the end of FY2022. Of the national baseline number of 3508 CWSs, 380 were in Region 9, with California accounting for 248 (65%) of the Region 9 systems. Approximately, 88% of the CWSs are small systems serving $\leq 3,300$ persons, which reinforces our continued focus on improving small system compliance.

During our May 10, 2018, call with the Region 9 drinking water program directors, we committed to providing updated lists of the CWSs with health-based violations and the SPM results for each primacy agency, Region 9, and nationally, on a quarterly basis. Enclosed is the list of California CWSs with health-based violations for FY2018Q3 and the three charts.

Based on the most recent data, California achieved a 13% reduction compared to the SPM baseline (FY2017Q3). The reduction for all CWSs in the nation over the same period is 1%. These results and the list of CWSs are based on the October 2018 SDWIS Federal Data Warehouse reflecting data through June 30, 2018.

Complete and accurate data are vital to demonstrate progress and track performance under the SPM. Please review the enclosed list for accuracy. During our regular management meetings, we will plan to discuss your progress and projections for meeting the SPM to include the state initiatives and proposed approaches that you identified as part of our joint effort to improve small system compliance. Should you or your staff have data-related questions, please contact Don Hodge, Region 9 SDWIS Coordinator, at (415) 972-3240 or [[HYPERLINK "mailto:hodge.don@epa.gov"](mailto:hodge.don@epa.gov)].

Sincerely,

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